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[54]	TRICLOSAN-CONTAINING MEDICAL
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[7] ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to polymeric medical articles comprising the antiinfective agents chlorhexidine and triclosan. It is based, at least in part, on the discovery that the synergistic relationship between these compounds permits the use of relatively low levels of both agents, and on the discovery that effective antimicrobial activity may be achieved when these compounds are comprised in either hydrophilic or hydrophobic polymers.

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relatively high amounts of antiinfective agent. The following impregnating solutions comprised chlorhexidine, triclosan and either Silastic Type A, polycaprolactone, or no polymer in a 5% methanol/95% THF solvent. Table XV shows that when both polymer and antiinfective agent were 5 comprised in the impregnating solution, higher antiinfective activity was achieved.

TABLE XV

Impregnating Solution	Zone Of Inhibition (mm)		
4% SilA + 5% CHA + 1% TC	12.0		
1% polycaprolactone +	12.0		
5% CHA + 1% TC			
No polymer, 5% CHA + 1% TC	6.5		

13. EXAMPLE

Diffusion of Antiinfective Agents From Medical Articles Treated With Impregnating Solutions With and Without Polymer

The following impregnating solutions, "A" and "B", were used to impregnate segments of Dacron and PTFE grafts. The treated grafts were then rinsed with saline, and the 25 amounts of antiinfective agent incorporated into the grafts were determined, before and after rinsing, by extraction of antiinfective agent with dichloromethane/methanol/water (50%/25%/25%, v/v). The results, set forth in Table XVI, demonstrate that the addition of a polymer to the impregnating solution produces a treated medical article which exhibits greater retention of antiinfective agent.

Solution A:	1% polycaprolactone + 0.1% CHA + 0.02% TC, in 5% methanol/95% THF (v/v)
Solution B:	0.1% CHA + 0.02% TC, in 5% methanol/95% THF (v/v)

TABLE XVI

	Drug Lev	els (µg/cm)		
	Dacron Graft		PTFE	Graft
Solution:	Α	В	Α	В
Solution A				**
Before rinsing	392	548	73	90
After rinsing Solution B	353	547	56	88
Before Rinsing	409	573	50	44
After rinsing	132	553	24	44

14. EXAMPLE

Drug Uptake and Release by Hydrophilic Catheters Impregnated With Chlorhexidine or Triclosan

Polyurethane central venous catheter segments fabricated of Tecoflex 93-A polyurethane were impregnated with solutions "C", "D", "E", "F" and "G" set forth below by soaking the catheter segments for about two minutes followed by drying and rinsing with water. Drug uptake was measured by 65 extracting the impregnated catheter segments with dichloromethane/methanol/water (50%/25%/25% v/v).

Drug release was measured over a period of six days by suspending the catheter segments in saline (one 2 cm segment in 2 ml saline), and agitated in a heated water bath at 37° C.; the saline was changed daily and drug release was measured as described above. The results are shown in Table XVII. Polyurethane, as set forth below, is Tecoflex 93-A polyurethane.

10	Solution C:	3% polyurethane +
		3% CHA in 30% reagent alcohol/70% THF
	Solution D:	3% polyurethane + 3% TC in 30%
		reagent alcohol/70% THF
	Solution E:	3% polyurethane + 2% CHA + 2% TC.
		in 30% reagent alcohol/70% THF
15	Solution F:	2% CHA in 95% ethanol
	Solution G:	3% CHA + 1% TC in 95% ethanol

TABLE XVII

Solu-		Uptake	Drug Release (µg/cm) Day No.					
tion	Drug	(µg/cm)	1	2	3	4	5	6
С	СНА	197	78	36	20	2.6	0.8	0.8
D	TC	300	0.4	.13	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Е	CHA	202	66	16.8	7.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	TC	230	0.4	0.3	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1
F	CHA	254	15	9.6	7.8	2.5	2.5	2.5
G	CHA	223	7.1	3.5	3.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
	TC	368	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1	<.1

15. EXAMPLE

Release of Chlorhexidine and Triclosan From Impregnated Silicone Catheter Segments

Segments of silicone central venous catheters fabricated from Dow Corning Q7-4765A silicone polymer or Q7-4765B silicone polymer were impregnated with either solution H or I by soaking for 30 minutes, and then the release of drug was measured daily by methods set forth above. The results of these measurements are presented in Table XVIII.

Solution H: 2% SilA+5% CHA in 10% methanol/90% THF (v/v)

Solution I: 2% SilA+5% CHA+2% TC in 10% methanol/90% THF (v/v)

TABLE XVIII

Solu-				Daily Release (µg/cm)				
tion	Drug	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5		
н	CHA	2.7	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.9		
I	CHA	0.8	0.9	0.6	8.0	0.8		
	TC	2.6	5.6	2.3	1.5	1.5		

Various publications are cited herein, which are hereby 60 incorporated by reference in their entireties.

What is claimed is:

1. A hydrophilic polymeric medical article having a coating resulting from dipping or soaking the article in a treatment solution comprising between about 2 and 6 percent by weight of a biomedical polyurethane; between 0.5 and 2 percent by weight of triclosan; between 0.5 and 1 percent by weight of silver sulfadiazine; and between 1.5

- and 2 percent by weight of an antiinfective agent selected from the group consisting of chlorhexidine free base, a chlorhexidine salt, and a chlorhexidine derivative.
 - 2. The medical article of claim 1 which is a catheter.
- 3. The catheter of claim 2 which is an intravenous 5 catheter.
- 4. The catheter of claim 3 which is fabricated from a biomedical polyurethane.
- 5. The catheter of claim 4 wherein the hydrophilic polymer in the coating is a biomedical polyurethane.
- 6. A hydrophobic polymeric medical article treated with a treatment solution comprising between about 1 and 10 percent by weight of a silicone polymer; between 0.5 and 2 percent by weight of triclosan; and between 1.5 and 2.25 percent by weight of an antiinfective agent selected from the 15 group consisting of chlorhexidine free base, a chlorhexidine salt, and a chlorhexidine derivative.
- 7. The medical article of claim 6, further comprising silver sulfadiazine.
- 8. The medical article of claim 7 wherein the medical 20 article is fabricated from a hydrophobic polymer selected from the group consisting of polyvinylchloride, polytetrafluoroethylene, Dacron and a silicone polyurethane copolymer.

- 9. The medical article of claim 7 wherein the hydrophobic polymer in the treatment solution is a silicone-polyurethane copolymer.
- 10. The medical article of claim 7 wherein the medical article is fabricated from a silicone polymer.
- 11. The medical article of claim 6 wherein the medical article is fabricated from a hydrophobic polymer selected from the group consisting of polytetrafluoroethylene, Dacron, polyvinylchloride and a silicone polyurethane copolymer.
 - 12. The medical article of claim 6 wherein the medical article is fabricated from a silicone polymer.
 - 13. The medical article of claim 6 wherein the hydrophobic polymer in the treatment solution is a silicone-polyurethane copolymer.
 - 14. The medical article of claim 6 which is a catheter.
 - 15. The catheter of claim 14 which is an intravenous catheter.
 - 16. The catheter of claim 15 which is fabricated from a biomedical silicone polymer.

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